Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the Specification by substituting the following paragraph [0066], amended as shown:

[0066] If, conversely, a determination is made at the decision block 98 that the mobile node has been unable to access the PLMN at the RLC/MAC layer, the no branch is taken to the block 112. And, the mobile node state is set to a limited PLMN access state. A path is then taken to the block 114, and a PLMN search timeout value is calculated or otherwise selected. Additional description of the manner by which the timeout value is selected in the exemplary implementation shall be described below with respect to FIG. 3. And, upon calculation of the timeout value, i.e., the wait time or delay period, a path is taken to the block 116. At the block 116, the mobile node awaits timing out of the delay period associated with the calculations made at the block 114. Then, a path is taken (indicated by `A` in the Figure) to the ~~block 94~~ block 96.